

CLAIMS

1. A method of communication, the method comprising:
providing a service to at least one user equipment;
determining if said service is to be provided to said at least one user equipment by a point to point connection or a point to multipoint connection, said determining step taking into account which of said at least one user equipment to which said service is providable is able to receive said service.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said determining step comprises determining which of said at least one user equipment has a connection.
3. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said determining step comprises determining for the at least one user equipment, which has another connection, if said respective at least one user equipment also is able to receive said service.
4. A method as claimed in claim 2, wherein said determining step comprises determining for the at least one user equipment if the at least one user equipment has another connection and determining that said respective at least one user equipment is not able to receive said service if the at least one user equipment has another connection.
5. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises determining a number of the at

least one user equipment able to receive said service and comparing said determined number with a threshold value.

6. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein in said determining step comprises determining whether a point to multipoint connection is used if said determined number is greater than said threshold value.

7. A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the determining step comprises determining the at least one user equipment able to receive said service and charging for said service based on which of the at least one user equipment is able receive said service.

8. A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the step of suspending said service for the at least one user equipment if said respective at least one user equipment is unable to receive said service.

9. A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein in said determining step comprises determining if the point to point or the point to multipoint connection is to be used, when the at least one user equipment for which the service has been suspended is not taken into account.

10. A method of communication, the method comprising:
 activating a service which provides data to user equipment; and
 suspending said service when said user equipment is unable to receive data of said service.

11. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said suspending step comprises suspending said service if said user equipment has a different connection.

12. A method as claimed in claim 10, further comprising the steps of

 establishing a different connection with said user equipment and

 then determining if said user equipment is able to receive data of said service and to perform said suspending service if said user equipment is not able to receive data.

13. A method as claimed in claim 12, wherein said suspending step comprises sending a suspension message from said user equipment to a network element.

14. A method as claimed in claim 13, wherein said suspending step comprises suspending charging for said service.

15. A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein said suspending step comprises suspending charging performed by the network element.

16. A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said suspending step comprises suspending a context between said user equipment and the network element.

17. A method as claimed in claim 15, wherein said suspending step comprises suspending charging performed by the network element, said network element comprising a serving general packet radio service support node.

18. A method as claimed in claim 17, further comprising the step of determining, after service suspension, if the user equipment receives the service again and to reactivate said service if the user equipment receives the service again.

19. A method as claimed in claim 18, wherein said reactivating within the determining step comprises activating charging for said service.

20. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said activating step comprises activating said service that comprises a service in which data is provided to a user discontinuously.

21. A method as claimed in claim 10, wherein said activating step comprises activating said service that comprises one of a multicast service and a broadcast service.

22. A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein said activating step comprises activating said service that comprises a MBMS service.

23. A communication system comprising:

means for providing a service to at least one user equipment; and

means for determining if said service is to be provided to said at least one user equipment by a point to point connection or a point to multipoint connection, said determining means taking into account which of said at

least one user equipment to which said service is providable is able to receive said service.

24. A communication system in which a service to at least one user equipment is provided, the system comprising:

a node for determining if said service is to be provided to said at least one user equipment by a point to point connection or a point to multipoint connection, said node for determining taking into account which of said at least one user equipment to which said service is providable is able to receive said service.

25. A node in a communication system in which a service is provided to at least one user equipment, the node comprising:

a configuration for said node to determine if said service is to be provided to said at least one user equipment by a point to point connection or a point to multipoint connection; and

means for determining which of said at least one user equipment to which said service is providable is able to receive said service.

26. A communication system, comprising:

activating means for activating a service which provides data to user equipment; and

suspending means for suspending said service when said user equipment is unable to receive data of said service.

27. A communication system in which a service is activated, the system comprising:

means for providing data to user equipment; and a node configured to suspend said service when said user equipment is unable to receive the data of said service.

28. A node for a communications system in which a service is activated, the node comprising:

means for providing data is provided to user equipment; and

means for suspending said service when said user equipment is unable to receive data of said service.